

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request examination and consideration of the claims in view of the above amendments. Claims 11-19, 24, 26-28 and 30 were pending. Within the Office Action, Claims 18, 19, 24 and 26-28 have been allowed and Claims 11-17 and 30 have been objected to. By the above amendments, Claims 11 and 30 have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 11-19, 24, 26-28 and 30 are pending in this application.

Rejections under § 112

Within the Office Action, Claims 11-17, 26, 27 and 30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, it is asserted that for clarification of the claim limitations, each functionality should be performed by corresponding structure, e.g. receiver, detector, controller, etc., instead of the gateway node. By the above amendments, Claims 11 and 30 have been amended such that each functionality is performed by a corresponding structure (e.g. controller, detector, receiver, recovery element) instead of the gateway node. As a result, Claims 11 and 30 are no longer indefinite and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 12-17, 26 and 27 are dependent on the independent Claim 11. As described above, the independent Claim 11 is now definite. Accordingly, Claims 12-17, 26 and 27 are all also allowable as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

Within the Office Action, Claims 18, 19, 24 and 26-28 have been allowed. Further within the Office Action, it is asserted that Claims 11 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph. By the above amendments, Claims 11 and 30 have been amended to overcome the 112 rejections. Accordingly, Claims 11 and 30 are also allowable.

Claims 12-17, 26 and 27 are dependent on the independent Claim 11. As described above, the independent Claim 11 is allowable. Accordingly, Claims 12-17, 26 and 27 are all also allowable as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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